Reply to: Office Action dated August 19, 2005

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Honorable Commissioner:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 19, 2005, for which the three-month shortened statutory period for reply was set to expire on November 19, 2005. A petition and fee for a three-month extension of time is being filed herewith. While it is believed that no additional extension of time or any other additional fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any needed extension of time and to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1479.

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

Entry of the Amendments below and consideration of the Remarks that follow is respectfully requested.